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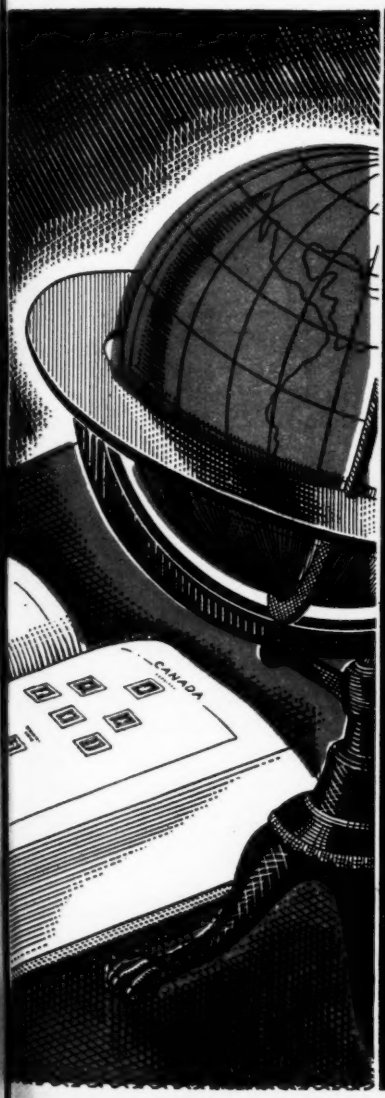

At Random

PROBABLY MORE stamps and covers have been mounted the past several months than in any similar period the past several years . . jaded first day cover appetites should be in good condition by the time the new airs get the F.D.R. "O.K." . . we wonder also what reception the new envelope designs will receive . .we're a little leary of things artists claim are beautiful . . it's beginning to appear as if the vast surplus of U. S. commemoratives has disappeared . . . which will suddenly be realized one of these days and a lot of us will start cussing past opportunities . . . . we nominate the Smoky Mountain pane for chief surprise . . . . for two years the local club never lacked 1c and 2c Army, Navy, and Parks for its bulletins . . . . but late last year the flood of speculative stuff began to dwindle in philatelic remittances to dealers and Linprint . . . . . what's lower than an anonymous letter? . . . . they invariably are an aggregation of lies and slander and one received the other day attacking a reputable dealer was no exception . . . . our file for such stuff is the waste basket, so someone wasted 3c sending it . . . . idle thought--the difference between philatelic ond other advertising . . . . though philatelic ad space is cheap and publishers have thousands of cuts, advertisers seldom use illustrations . . . . wives will start checking closer on friend husband's stamp club if a Gimbels Stamp Club meeting were imitated elsewhere . . . an exhibitor of Hawaiians brought along a hula gal to go through her convolutions (no, not convulsions!) and the Hawaiians, both adhesive and wiggly varieties were admired by the attendants . . . . those ads offering $100 for a "1c 1923 perf. 11 rotary" are a pain to most dealers with stores . . . . if all the attempted (and disdained) explanations of the difference between the penny perf. 11 and the rarity were laid end to end---well, we wouldn't have time to measure that distance . . . . then there's the one about the dealer in a numbers-racket ridden burg who when leasing quarters was compelled by the realtor to insert a clause forbidding his writing the popular gambling digits as one other business in the same building was already doing so under a "front" and the realtor thought stamps were smoke screen too . . . . that War by Refugee article in the S. E. (and we don't mean straight edge) Post packs a thought concerning the "refugees" who "escaped" with suitcases full of stamps . . . . nifty was the invite to the Diamond Jubilee meeting of the Collectors Club of Akron . . . . a genuine Woolworth, or maybe Kresge, diamond being pasted to the invitation . . . . the approaching end of the annual party season making us realize that despite well meant advice, many clubs persist in bungling their publicity opportunities . . . . the note from the lady who is quitting collecting stamps because the catalogue value of her collection declined the past few years . . . . just what she lost is not clear to us for she actually hasn't lost anything in real value . . . . the Axis issues making us think of Chaplin's show wherein each dictator tried to be higher than his partner . . . . the yelp at refugee dealers . . . . for doing the same things that American dealers have always done . . . . the way the S. P. A. is going to town in activity is encouraging . . . . the post office entering the album business in order to boost Postal Savings income . . . . the sort of album we recommend to those people who want to spend their money for stamps and be able to get 100% back anytime . . . . the crack in that club magazine about a research organization . . . . and some research into the financial structure of that club would do it a lot of good . . . . its funny to watch the solemn complaints about sales of facsimiles and then watch the equally solemn defense of color changelings which any printer or ink salesman would laugh at . . . . our wondering department is wondering just why that new Liberian series of overprints cost so much . . . . explanation needed . . . . might also explain what honor there was for Rowland Hill . . . .

—R. R.

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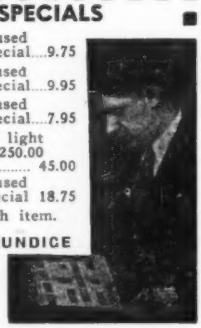

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Philippine Notes

By Pablo M. Esperidion

First day sale of the new 2-centavo Dr. Rizal (light green) stamps of the new regular postage series has been set tentatively for April 14 and a special cachet will be applied on first day covers, according to the press bulletin issued by the Director of Posts on March 19.

Orders must be addressed to the Superintendent, Money Order Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, and must be accompanied with a money order or certified check (including return postage and registry fees) made payable to the Director of Posts. Requests for other kind of stamps must not be included in the orders for these new adhesives, the press bulletin further states. First printing of this new stamp is 60,000,000 (40,000,000 regular and 20,000,000 with "O.B."), according to local postal officials.

Prior to the press release issued by the Director of Posts, issuance of a provisional 2-centavo stamp was sounded by the Philippine postal authorities as they feared not receiving the new 2-centavos on time. It was originally proposed to surcharge the 4-centavos (Woman and Carabao) with 2 centavos if the new stamps were not received by the middle of April as by that time the Bureau of Posts would run out of the 2-centavo values. However, with the coming new stamps per the S. S. President Cleveland which is expected to arrive at Manila on March 27, hence the announcement of April 14 as the tentative date for the First Day sale of the first stamp of the new regular postage series of the Philippines, thus saving the Islands from another boooomph surcharge!

Stamps of the 2-centavos of the Malacanan Palace, Pres. Quezon taking oath of office, and the First Foreign Trade Week, have already been sold out, and the 2-centavo values of the Triumphal Arch are running low, according to the Philatelic Agency, Bureau of Posts.

Nothing definite as to when the new air mail stamps of the Islands will be issued. Meanwhile, Philippine postal officials flatly denied having committed or made any announcement to the effect that the new air mails "will be definitely placed on sale in Manila Post Office on February 27, 1941," as played up in a two-column ad in some American magazines which were received in Manila early in March. Local postal authorities expressed much surprise on the announcement in said ad, as the stamps in question are NOT yet even printed! As a matter of fact, at this writing (March 19), proofs of the airmail designs were just received by the Philippine postal authorities from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington for approval of the Director of Posts before the Washington officials start "shooting" these new air mails, it was learned by this correspondent.

And then, there's the provincial collector from Central Luzon, who ordered from a Manila dealer recently, the following Philippine air mails: "Scott No. A44 to A49 *Animals*" (italics ours.)

If you don't hear from the Manila Stamp Company, don't get excited, the manager is on a honeymoon.

Stealing the show at the Handicraft and Hobby Exhibits sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America held at the American School on February 28 in Manila, were stamp collections displayed by some local Boy Scouts.

Subtract 100 bucks from the total face value of P184.86 of the new documentary stamps of the Islands as reported in this column before, as according to a letter dated January 30 received by this correspondent from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, there's no 100-peso value.

Among the newspapers in the Islands that published stamp columns occasionally is *The Sunday Informer*, a Japanese weekly published in Manila by the *Nichi Nichi Shimbun*, giving exclusive publicity to Japanese stamps. Incidentally, Ginzaburo Tamada, 62-year-old editor of the *Nichi Nichi Shimbun* in this city, got into hot water with the local government agents on March 15, for possessing an unlicensed radio set and for receiving 183 sheets of "news dispatches" from the Domei News Agency of Tokyo, Japan, in "dots and dashes" according to the Manila *Sunday Tribune* of March 16.

Speaking of the Land of the Rising, Director of Posts Juan Ruiz recently circularised to all postmasters in the Philippines instructing them to refuse parcel post packages for delivery in Japan, provided senders have made previous arrangement with addressees to comply with Japanese import regulations, according to the *Philippines Herald* in its issue of March 15.

Philatelic lingo heard at the auction of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas on March 1: Specimen deal . . . an auction sale paid with an I.O.U. Straw-man . . . the second-fiddle of a bidder.

Aviation, a monthy published in New York and received in Manila early in March, in its February issue has 31 pages illustrating 116 different American planes, the size of the pix, 4 x 7 cms., which airmail chicadees might tie-up with their red-and-blue collections. The magazine contains 288 pages and sells 50 cents a copy (free advt.)

Now come the manufacturers of "Wings" cigarettes with an announcement that 50 different colored poster stamps (?) are "issued" by them, with a different American plane shown on each, according to an advertising poster nailed at a Manila cigar stand. And that's of course if you smoke and buy "Wings" cigarettes.

Philippine Air Lines Inc., is another addition to local commercial aviation when it was inaugurated on March 15, with one of its planes carrying passengers, air express, and newspapers, from Manila to Baguio, Mt. Province. Curiously enough, no air mail letters were carried, in spite of the efforts made by the Philippine Air Mail Society to commemorate its inaugural flight. However, it's interesting to note that in the inaugural flight of the PALI plane, it carried the "first aerial newspaper" of the Islands and the paper flown was the *Manila Daily Bulletin*, oldest American newspaper in the Philippines.

Remember the new coat-of-arms of the Philippines approved by Pres. Quezon last year and reported in this column before and which had a chance to be included in the new regular postage stamps?

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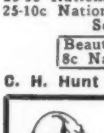

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ruary 24, restoring the original seal of the Commonwealth Government. Reason: The new coat-of-arms shows boldly a big sun with spreading rays and many who saw it believed it was liable to be mistaken for the Japanese rising sun which is the Jap national emblem. Hence, back to the old seal as shown on the 10 and 20-peso current issues of Philippines.

"Comrade X", latest vehicle of Clark Gable and Heddy Lamar, exhibited at one of the Manila movies a few days ago, tells that to get a divorce in Soviet Russia, either a hubby or a wifey may simply mail his or her "postal card" representing their marriage license, which is sufficient to kiss good-bye to matrimony.

Postal slogans used by New Zealand and Spain on two letters received by this correspondent recently read: "ARE YOU A---NATIONAL SAVINGS---INVESTOR?" and "FRANCO!— FRANCO!— FRANCO!—ARRIBA ESPANA!" respectively.

Deluded with a barrage of letters (954 just from U.S. alone and 60% of them from American women) requesting the Elizalde Christmas seals issued by Elizalde & Co. Inc., last December, the company ordered a second printing of 10,000 copies for free distribution to collectors.

Executives of Elizalde & Company were so enthusiastic about the unexpected results of their first Christmas seal that from all indications they will issue a different design every year. In point of fact they had already decided to issue another Christmas seal for this year, according to Eduardo Yrezabal, comptroller of Elizalde & Co. Inc., and president of the Elizalde Stamp Club. No decision, however, has been made whether they will conduct another Christmas Seal Contest this year or merely have a new design drawn by the staff artist of the advertising department of Elizalde & Co. Inc. At any rate, further developments will be announced in this column.

Philippines, a slick paper monthly published by the Office of Joaquin M. Elizalde, Philippine Resident Commissioner to the United States, has a double-spread in its February issue, showing a map of the Philippines indicating the important products, etc., of the Islands. The map is free upon request and may be obtained from the Office of the Philippine Resident Commissioner, 2362 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., same address as the Philippine Philatelic Agency in the U.S.A.

Incidentally the front cover of its February issue shows Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes, who is widely known in stampdon, while the back cover portrays the Baguio Zig-Zag depicted on the 32-centavo pictorial stamp of the Islands.

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The object of the magazine is to provide a real Monthly Magazine that will cater to all of those side lines of stamp collecting that are followed by the stamp collector. Few weekly magazines can give much space to many of these side lines because of the fact that with a weekly paper, 80 to 90% of the readers are not interested in the particular side line that some other collector is interested in and if we give up space to one of the side line groups we would be expected to treat the other in the same manner and eventually we would have the paper full of material that was of interest to only small groups of collectors.

It is for this reason that we can not give space to the many side lines that are followed by stamp collectors and this new magazine will be devoted wholly to this field. If your interests are not covered, we want to hear from you and will see that some news and information covering your pet hobby is carried in this new monthly.

An announcement will be found elsewhere in this paper. Read it, see if you will not be interested in this new paper. Take advantage of the very special advertising rates that will permit you to reach the readers of this new magazine. Collectors will find the classified columns with a rate of 1c per word an ideal manner in which to contact other collectors for exchange and trade. The special subscription rate of 25c per year to the first 2000 subscribers should result in filling up this quota quickly. But 2000 copies will be issued until paid subscriptions boost this number. From month to month sample copies will be sent readers of this magazine but it may be several months before we reach your name. Thus if you want to start at the beginning you must take advantage of this present opportunity and send that subscription at once.

● Dedication will take place on May 1 of all eight Hawaiian airports. There will be a special cachet and Mst. Sgt. Paul Grossman, Hiekani Field, Hawaii will supply the envelopes if you send 6c air mail stamp (or 20c for Trans-Pacific routing) to him. All covers will be flown.

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Stamp collectors desiring the initial run cancelations should send their covers prepared and ready for mailing with postage prepaid at the first-class rate to the Postmaster Indianapolis, Indiana, for the northbound run from Indianapolis, to South Bend, which will be designated in the cancelation die as "Trip 1," and similar covers to the Postmaster, South Bend, Indiana, for the southbound run from South Bend to Indianapolis, which will be designated in the cancelation dies as "Trip 2." All letters properly addressed and stamped should be sent under cover to the postmasters indicated, endorsed on the covering wrapper: "For dispatch on the initial run of the Highway Post Office, May 3, 1941."

As the use of the rubber postmarking stamps will be restricted to the initial date, no wording will be shown in the canceling bars, and no official cachet will be provided. After May 3 the regular type steel postmarking stamps will be employed in the cancelation of all mail matter handled over this route.

Arrangements will be made for the intermediate post offices served on this route, namely; Noblesville, Westfield, Kokomo, Peru, Mexico, Rochester, Argos, Plymouth, LaPaz, and Lakeville, Ind. to accept philatelic mail from local patrons for dispatch northbound or southbound as the case may be. Such covers will not be canceled or backstamped with the local post office postmark as they will be dispatched on the Highway Post Office for cancelation with the special postmarking stamps described above. Likewise, the postmasters at Tipton, Galveston, Bunker Hill, and Denver, Indiana, whose post offices will be served by the new Highway Post Office service through exchange of mails by means of mail messenger or star route service, will accept philatelic mail from local patrons to be dispatched on the inauguration date, under the same conditions as specified for similar mail at the post offices directly on the route. It is not permissible to apply both postmarks to the same piece of mail matter, and round-trip covers are accordingly not procurable.

All covers intended for the initial trip cancelations should be in the hands of either the Postmaster at Indianapolis, or the Postmaster at South Bend, Indiana, as soon as possible; not later than the close of business, May 1, 1941.

• An 1894 newspaper clipping submitted by Capt. Fred G. Meyers tells that Emperor Menelik of Ethiopia on May 24 announced that his country was independent of Italy and signalized this act by hiring Europeans to prepare coinage and postage stamps for the realm. Italy has claimed the territory since 1889, but in 1894 at the Battle of Adowa had been defeated in attempting to take forcible possession.

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Binghamton, N. Y.—As mentioned before the annual exhibition and dinner of the Binghamton Philatelic Society will be held on Saturday, April 26 at the Carlton Hotel. Dinner at 6:45 P. M. at $1.25. Reservations to Mrs. Donald Wheeler, Smith Rd., R. D. 5, Binghamton. Dealers tables at $3, reservations to Donald Burgess, Sunrise Terrace, Binghamton. The exhibition will have no classes, every entry competing on an equal basis with the others. Entry fee is 50c (25c if you supply your own) per frame.

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Canadian Revenue Society—Membership in this small but very active group now totals 42, Secretary R. deL. French reports in the latest Bulletin. Numerous additional varieties have been reported of Canadian revenues, mainly due to the war. Dues are $2 per year. Secretary's address, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

Central Federation of Stamp Clubs—This Chicago group has announced that International Philatelic Week will be observed this year Nov. 9 to 15. A suitable design for the publicity label is being sought and the best design submitted by May 15 will be awarded a plaque. Entries to the Central Federation, Room 205, 58 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Label designs must include date and event in inscriptions, and no designs will be returned. Three judges will view the entries.

Chicago, Ill.—Tenth anniversary of the Austin Philatelic Club will be celebrated with a large exhibition at the Austin Town Hall, Lake Street and Central Ave., Chicago, May 8-9-10. For the first time the club is issuing a philatelic label, of the design illustrated. They will be sold at 5c each (6 for 25c) plus return stamped addressed envelope which should be sent to Fred W. Peters, 5000 Warwick Ave., Chicago. This club is known for its hospitality, and all collectors are invited to attend the annual exhibition as well as their regular meetings which are held on first and third Wednesday evenings at the Austin Town Hall.

Dallas, Texas—Illustrated is the design of the philatelic label produced in connection with the coming Texas Philatelic Association

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Tiffin, Ohio—The Tiffin Stamp Club started a junior club on March 17. The club will meet first and third Mondays of each month, where is not stated. An inquiry will probably bring the answer from the President, Robert Kuhn, 224 Melmore St. Betty Barnes is Secretary.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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ANTHONY WAYNE STAMP SOCIETY
(1931 1941)

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Sixth annual regional convention of the Indiana and Kentucky area of the N. F. S. C. will be held at Fort Wayne at the Hotel Anthony on April 18-19-20 with the Anthony Wayne Stamp Society as host. The exhibition will open at 10 A. M. on Friday. Features will include regional meetings of various national societies, showing of philatelic movies, auction, banquet at 6:30 P. M. on Saturday and a regional congress. The bourse is in charge of Rev. F. A. Ruder, Route #4, Fort Wayne, Ind. The philatelic label, illustrated will be sold at 10c per strip of 5 by Hobart Schacht, P. O. Box 21, Huntington, Ind.

Webster, Mass.—Second annual exhibit and bourse of the Webster Philatelic Association will be held Saturday, April 26 in the vestry of the Methodist Church. Will open at 1:30 P.M. and continue to be open through the evening. Exhibit entries are in charge of George R. Davis, 359 Main St. An auction at 7:30 will feature items entered by attendants. Philatelic labels in sets of three colors will be sold at 25c (coin) and are obtainable from Edmund B. Alger, 493 School St. Bourse table reservations to Mr. Davis. Collectors from throughout New England are invited.

Wilmington, Del.—The Fourth Annual Birthday Party of the Delaware Precancel Club will be held Sunday, April 20 at the Wilmington Y.M.C.A., commencing at 9 A.M. Trading will be a feature as before and attendance close to 100 is expected. Tables are free and all precancel collectors are welcome. Dr. Douglas T. Davidson, General Chairman, Overlook, Claymont, Del. has arranged for a visit for wives and others interested to Longwood, the DuPont estate. The entire meeting will be informal with no banquet, dinners, speeches or auctions, he states.

Auction Calendar

April 15—U. S. and foreign. Sosmos Stamp Co., 116L Nassau St., New York City.

April 18—U. S. Sale. Wakonda Stamp Co., P. O. Box 1792, Dept. 52, Denver, Colo.

April 19—U. S. and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City.

April 24-25-26—Laidlaw General Collection of unused. Hugh C. Barr, Inc., 38 Park Row, New York City.

April 28-29—U. S. Proofs, essays, foreign. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York City.

May 5 to 10—The Edward S. Knapp Collection of U. S. Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 E. 57th St., New York City.

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● Gladys Jackson, formerly of the sales department at the World's Fair stamp exhibition has opened a stamp department at the Columbus Book Shop, 267 Columbus Ave., New York.

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Perfs and Imperfs

WE RECEIVED A SUBSCRIPTION THE other day from James A. Farley. His address in case you're interested, is Dodge City, Kansas, and since the writing was in blue, not green ink, we suspect there are at least two people named James A. Farley.

HE'S "PRIVATE B. W. BROWNYER" And his address is 107th Cavalry, Troop F, Camp Forrest, Tenn. Burt says he guesses this "washes him up philatelically" for the present. No doubt he'd be glad to hear from his numerous Ohio and Michigan friends.

WE SEE THAT AL BURNS, CAPABLE editor of Gossip has left that position, and our best wishes to him in future endeavors.

OUR SYMPATHY TO MEKEEL'S WHICH recently suffered from severe damage to their printing plant by fire and water. The Jewett Printing Co. has printed philatelic matter for many years and this is we believe their first mishap of this nature.

IN THE GOLDEN JUBILEE NUMBER OF their house organ, the Marks Stamp Co. invite readers to drop in for tea at 4 P.M. when in Toronto town. They state further "Our new cook, Mabel Taylor, is whipping up some mighty fine pastry."

C. E. HOUGHTON IS A REAL MISSIONary for the hobby in McPherson, Kansas. He has given away several thousand albums to school children in the vicinity and in addition has given stamps with bread wrappers. The latter in connection with his bakery.

STAMP CLUBS HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR many non-philatelic things and persons, but surely the Cherrelyn Stamp Club of Englewood, Colorado, must have a unique name. This club is named for an extinct horse car that due to its unusual operation (the horse riding downhill) gained considerable fame in the West.

WE WONDER HOW MANY COLLECtors have the same specialty as Clarence A. Johnson of the Gotham Stamp and Cover Club? His specialty: $1 Omaha in all forms.

SALVADOR, THINGS BEING THE way they are in France, will have to junk that slogan cancel used in the little republic, which refers to a Salvadorean watering place as "the Vichy" of that country.

SIDELIGHT ON THE WAR: THE PUBlisher of London's *Philatelic Trader* asking his readers to excuse an eight-page edition, since it was necessary due to having exceeded the paper ration.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP IN THE S. P. A. is going to be something more than a number and privilege of using the national society's name and prestige, the present officers indicate. We like the Service Booklet issued to branches, for it should make all appreciate—and what's far more important —USE the various services available to branches. A novel and so far as we know unique idea in conduct of a national society.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT VENEZUELA persists in some of its recent issues in inscribing them "E. E. U. U. de Venezuela" instead of "EE. UU. de"?? The latter is the proper abbreviation for Estados Unidos (United States). Or didn't you know that Venezuela's proper name is United States of Venezuela?

The Forum

Newton, Mass.

The Editor,
Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your editorial of March 8th complains at lack of response to the suggestion for removal of gum. I wonder if collectors generally did not feel as I do. I feel sorry that a fellow collector made a costy mistake and that the least said the soonest mended.

I have o. g. stamps 80 years old and they show no gum injury. Of course if one doesn't know how to take care of his stamps, gum may cause trouble. But it does not with reasonable care. I do not want to start an argument. I am satisfied that gum is essential to a mint stamp and that's that.

What's a stamp anyway? In so far as I am concerned it must be complete, although not perfect. That is, a mint stamp must be mostly o. g.,, without thin spots, rubbed places, creases, tears, holes or cracks. It must be well enough centered so that perfs do not touch the design, perfs must not be nibbed and no straight edges. The design must not be faded or dirty. Anything else is not an attractive copy although perhaps collectable at what I would consider the right price. In other words, I collect stamps and not damaged pieces of paper.

I agree with you about postmarks. I like a sharp, clear town cancellation. That is infinitely preferable to even a light smudge.

Hoping the collector didn't soak the gum from any of the Great Britain 1883-4 set I am,

David Hamblen.

CATALOGUE NUMBERS
Unless it is otherwise stated in the advertisement all catalogue numbers quoted in advertisements in this issue are those of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

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3c Postage Extended

Congress, the first week of April voted approval of extension of the 3c rate of postage for two more years. The rate would have expired on July 1. It was inaugurated on July 6, 1932 as an emergency measure to meet increasing postal deficits and has every couple years or so been extended by Congress.

More Stamps Withdrawn

It is announced that the following commemorative postage stamps were removed from sale to the public at the Philatelic Agency at the close of business on March 15, 1941:

3c Puerto Rico Commemorative (issued in 1937), 3c Virgin Islands Commemorative (issued in 1937), 3c Iowa Centennial (issued in 1938); and 5c MacDowell, 5c French, and 5c Howe of the Famous Americans.

● The new McCracken imprint has appeared on margins of the 5d Australian stamp, and the *Australian Stamp Monthly* reports other values are to be expected at any time.

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● The national flower of Guatemala, a white orchid, depicted on the current 2c stamp of that country, was also the flower of the ancient Mayas who left as their monuments the deserted cities and temples scattered over Central America.

● Labuan was incorporated within the Straits Settlements in 1906, which accounts for the discontinuance of the special Labuan stamps that year. The stamps had been issued by the British North Borneo Co., under a royal charter.

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				64	.35	91	.01	119	.01	144	.09	170	.02	O5	.10		
				65	1.60	92	.01	120	.01	145	.02	171	.02	O6	.01		
				67	1.60	93	.01	121	.01	146	.06	172	.02	O7	.05		
				68	7.00	94	.01	122	.01	147	.01	173	.07	O8	.01		
				69	.10	95	.01	123	.01	148	.04	174	.02	O9	.01		
				70	.01	96	.02	124	.01	149	.10	175	.07	O10	.01		
				71	.01	97	.06	125	.01	150	.02	176	.02	O11	.03		
				72	.02	98	.10	126	.01	151	.02	177	.10	O12	.01		
				73	.08	99	.03	127	.01	152	.01	183	.10	O13	.02		
				74	.01	100	.01	128	.01	153	.06	184	.05	O14	.01		
				75	.01	101	.01	129	.02	154	.01	186	.12	O15	.05		
				76	.01	101*	.15	130	.08	155	.04	J1	.01	O16	.04		
				77	.01	102	.02	131	.02	156	.01	J2	.02	O17	.03		
				78	.01	103	.01	132	.06	157	.03	J3	.01	O18	.01		
				79	.01	104	.06	133	.03	158	.01	J4	.01	O19	.03		

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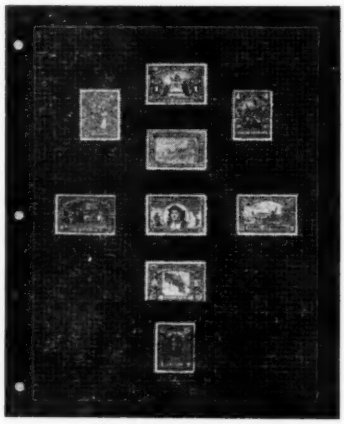

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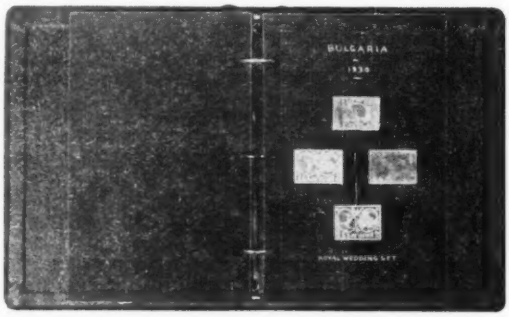

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Railway Post Office Notes

This will probably be the last batch of R. P. O. Notes to appear in LINN'S. Mr. S. G. Hulse, Sutter Road, Glenshaw, Pa. will edit such a column—with your assistance in news and suggestions—in the new monthly Collector Magazine being readied for publication by Linprint. This will enable more space to be devoted in LINN'S to stamps. Mr. Hulse, by the way, is endeavoring to make a checklist of all RPO cancellations in collaboration with Arthur Lee of Lakewood, Ohio. They'll appreciate assistance from each of you. Our thanks to each of you who helped these occasional columns with news items and comments.

The Toledo & Frankfort R. P. O. was discontinued with the last run which left Toledo on March 15, arriving back at that city the next morning. This was a mixed train on the Nickel Plate. The RPO car regularly used was destroyed by fire shortly before abandonment, but no "crash" covers are reported. This route should not be confused with the Frankfort & Toledo which operates from a Michigan city. Applications are being considered for abandonment of service from Frankfort, Ind. to Peoria, Ill. which will, if approved (which is far from certain in Indiana) cause change of name of the Fostoria & Peoria RPO, as this secion of line constitutes the Western Division of that RPO.

Other RPOs recently discontinued include Butler & N.Y., Beatrice & Holdrege, Sussex & N. Y., Hattiesburg & Natchez and Evansville & Hopkinsville. The Coahoma & Roll Fork was changed to Coahoma & Greenville.

"Are all the variations in abbreviation and spelling of the name of the R. P. O. postmarks collected?" Yes, many collectors collect them. Examples are "Cleveland & Marietta" and "Cleve. & Mar."; "Bell. & Zanes." and "Bellaire & Zanesville." "Grand Rap. & Chi." and "Grand Rapids & Chi." The official abbreviations as given in the list in Feb. 26, 1938 LINN'S are supposed to appear in the postmarks now in use, but we doubt if more than a majority of offices have such postmarks.

How to identify puzzling postmarks is a task sometimes. One method is to look through the index in the Official (Railway Timetable) Guide, available at most libraries and all railroad stations.

The narrow gauge Antonito & Santa Fe R. P. O. has been given an indefinite stay of abandonment. Senator Ed. Johnson of Colorado introduced a congressional resolution to investigate the proposed abandonment on grounds that the lines is a strategic one for national defense, being the only one south from Colorado to New Mexico. Hearings were to commence at Santa Fe on April 5. Abandonment was tentatively set for April 13 of the "Chili Line" as the residents there term it.

The following interesting letter was received from Raymond Ottarson, 1414 Third Ave., Watervliet, N. Y. The photo will probably appear in a future issue:—

"In reviewing RPO I learn from my own sources that Fort Ticonderoga & Lake George RPO line was a summer post office operating during the summer by means of train from Fort Ticonderoga (N.Y.) to Lake George Village (N.Y.) and clerks then transferred the mail and accessories to an RPO set-up in steamboat which made a trip up the lake and back, the boat giving service to camps and communities en route. The boats used were three: the "Horicon", the "Sagamore" and the "Mohican." After three years research I have secured a photo of the steamer "Horicon" which operated on this line, taken at a time when the RPO line was in operation (about 1930). This RPO line closed operations with the close of business in the summer of 1934.

"The steamer "Horicon" was since used as a show boat and night club for entertainment and dancing, making trips up the lake during the evenings. It was dismantled and scrapped a little over a year ago.

"Have photos at cost plus postage of this steamer."

In the fiscal year of 1939-40 there were 620 mail routes operated over the lines of 302 railway companies. Annual expenditure was $100,898,394. Employees of the R. M. S. totalled 20,133.

The mail train of another day has all but disappeared. Of the 3,794 mail cars in use on railways as of last June 30, only 5 were of all wooden construction, and 253 of combined wood and steel construction. The extent of equipment devoted to the Railway Mail Service can be seen by the fact that 682 cars were full R. P. O., and 3,112 cars were apartment cars, (having but part of the space in the car alloted for RPO.)

While looking over some miscellaneous covers we ran across the postmark of the forerunner of the much publicised Washington & Harrisonburg Highway Post Office. The postmark is dated May 19, 1911, carries (Southern Ry.) Train 28 insert and is inscribed "WASH. & HARRISONBURG R. P. O." Long since discontinued, the highway service succeeds to former daily RPO which this cover recalls.

Two unusual railroad postmarks of the Banknote Issues era are illustrated in the December "Postal Markings." Each includes the word "TRAIN" in the post mark as part of the inscription around the inside of the circle. One is inscribed "ST. L. & KAN. CITY" with "TRAIN" at bottom instead of the expected "R. P. O." or "AGT." The other is inscribed "HAN. & DEN. TRAIN R. P. O." Neither is year dated, so may have occurred most any time between 1870 and 1890.

The street car post office system which was introduced in the early '90s reduced time in transit of mails by three to five hours, due to the sorting of mail while cars were enroute between outlying stations and carriers and the main office.

Here's a tip when preparing RPO covers. Do not use too hard a filler. While a hard filler is fine for machine cancels, it does not work out so well with the steel hand cancels of the RPOs, causing them to bounce.

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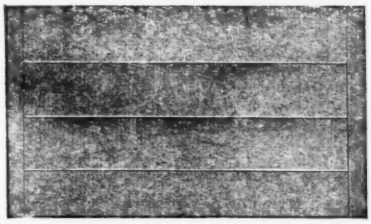

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A Record of New Issues

By Ray Shepard
1529 Duxberry Ave., Columbus, Ohio

ANDORRA—French Administration. A change in colors as well as a shifting of designs have been made in the types of 1932-39 stamps for this place. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13:

A51—50c light green
A53—80c gray-green
A53—1.30fr. violet-gray
A53—1.50fr. light red
A50—2fr. deep red
A50—2.50fr. deep ultramarine
A50—3fr. brown

(The New York Times)

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Official Stamps. Mr. H. G. Spanton advises us of the following Official Stamps not now in the Catalog and while we may have noted some of these at various times in the past, rather than to run the chance that our readers might have not seen the notes previously, we are noting them all below; we shall list them in alphabetical order as to the Department:

A137—20c, light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. A."
A137—20c. light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. G."
A137—20c. light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. H."
A137—20c. light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. I."
A137—20c. light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. J. I."
A133—5c. yellow brown ovpt. "M. M."
A137—20c. light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. M."
A137—20c. light ultramarine Type II ('36) ovpt. "M. O. P."
A133—5c. yellow brown ovpt. "M. R. C."

Commemorative. A First Day Cover is just at hand of the 5c. stamp announced in our notes of March 1st. Same was issued February 20th. Color is as given in our notes previously, but the rosette is in light blue and white. Mr. Spanton advises that 34,000 covers were handled that day. Most, if not all, of the sheets of stamps were off-center.

CHINA—Provisionals. Under-noted surcharges, same as that on the 4c. on 5c. noted by us February 22nd:

Unwatermarked, perf. 12½, 14:
A57—3c. on 5c. green
a. 3c on 5c. olive green

Watermarked Chinese Characters, perf. 14:
A57—3c. on 5c. green
a. 3c. on 5c. olive green

New Values. Additions to Martyr group:
A48—15c. brown-violet (unwatermarked)
A48—15c. brown-violet (wmkd. Chinese Characters)

(R. Roberts)
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Bohemia and Moravia. Type of 1939, engraved, unwmkd., perf. 12½:

A9—20k. sepia

Slovakia. Type of 1939, photogravure, wmkd. double barred crosses, perf. 12½:
A2—1k. dark rose-carmine

Postage Due Stamp. Type of 1939, photogravure, wmkd., double barred crosses, perf. 12½:
D1—60h. bright blue

Newspaper Stamps. Type of 1939, typographed, wmkd., double barred crosses, imperf.:
N1—5h. ultramarine
N1—10h. henna brown
N1—20h. dark green
N1—50h. chocolate

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Following are the quantities issued of the Air Mail Commemorative stamps chronicled by us November 23, 1940:

10c.—100,000
15c.— 50,000
20c.— 60,000
25c.— 50,000
50c— 50,000

(Stamp Collecting)

DUTCH INDIES—Two new values. These have been out now for some three months, but have only recently been seen by us. 40c. is on paper watermarked circles, perf. 12½x11½:

A11—5c. ultramarine
A18—40c. deep green

ECUADOR—Postal Tax Stamps. Tobacco stamp, surcharged in black in two lines wide apart "VEINTE CENTAVOS TIMBRE PATRIOTICO," unwmkd., rouletted:

PT7—20c. on 1c. rose-red

New design. Upright rectangular format, engraved, unwmkd., perf. 12:

PT18—5c copper brown (Symbols of Communications)

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

ESTONIA — 100th Anniversary of the Postage Stamp Commemoratives. Horizontal, rectangular format, typographed, unwmkd., perf. 13½:

3s orange (Carrier Pigeon and Plane)
10s. purple (same)
15s. brown (same)
30s. blue (same)

(Stamp Collecting)

GREECE—Occupation of Albania. The following Postage, Postage Due and Postal Tax stamps, have been overprinted in black in two lines, with Greek wording to indicate that the stamps are being used in Albania under Greek Occupation. The one Postage Due stamp is surcharged in addition with new figures of value and an extra line of Greek letters:

D3 - 50L. on 25d. light red
A67 - 1d. green
A67 - 3d. red-brown
A67 - 8d. deep blue
A69 - 5L. brown-red and blue
A70 - 10L. blue and brown-red
A71 - 20L. black and green
A72 - 40L. green and black
A73 - 50L. brown and black
A74 - 80L. indigo and yellow-brown
A75 - 2d. ultramarine
A76 - 5d. red
A77 - 6d. olive-brown
A78 - 7d. dark brown
A79 - 10d. red-brown
A80 - 15d. green
A81 - 25d. dark blue
A84 - 30d. orange brown
D3 - 2d. light red
D3 - 5d. gray
D3 - 10d. gray-green
D3 - 15d. red-brown
PT7 - 10L. bright rose on pale rose
PT7 - 50L. gray green on pale green
PT7 - 1d. dull blue on light blue

(The Stamp Mart)

RUSSIA—Industrial Series. 10k., 15k. and 1r, are upright while the other values are horizontal, rectangular format. Perf. 12:

10k. deep blue (working man and woman)
15k. deep purple (Steel Industry)
20k. deep ultramarine (Transportation Systems)
30k. reddish-brown (Railroads)
50k. sepia (Agriculture)
60k. sepia (Automotive and Airplane Industry)
1r. dark green (Oil Refining)

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SIERRA LEONE—Color Changes. The following two values have been issued in new colors:

A26 - 1½p. deep violet
A26 - 2p. rose-red

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14a	2p	pale blue	3.00
14b	Perf. 13, round holes		4.00
16	6p	yellow green	.70
16a	6p	green	1.25
17	1sh	gray	.75
22	2p	pale blue	.60
22a	2p	deep blue	.60
23	4p	lilac	.75
25	1p	orange	.40
30	1sh	greenish gray	4.00
31	1sh	violet	3.00
48b	6p	deep green	1.25
51a	4p	yellow	1.00
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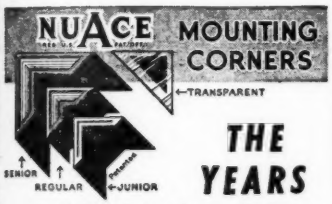
"Is it possible for me to obtain covers (not necessarily with first day cancellation) from U. S. defense bases in the West Indies and Army Camps, and if so, how can I go about getting them." Covers from these post offices are obtainable same as from any other U. S. post office. Send stamped, self-addressed covers under cover with a note requesting postmarking addressed such as "Postmaster, Marine Detachment, St. Lucia, Leeward Islands, Branch, New York, N. Y." Since practically all the draftee training post offices are branches of other post offices, care should be taken to place the full address. A list of these appeared on page 349 of March 29 LINN'S. Items about the offices established in British possessions have appeared from time to time. Domestic postage rates apply in all instances.

"Money Package/by the/American Express Co./from/Crestline, O." is the inscription on a black on orange red paper label about 1x1¼ inches in size, imperforate. In the center is a design typical of banknotes of the period, an allegorical representation of a seated woman leaning on an express safe, a cornucopia beside her. A reader asks what this is. Many such labels have been used by express and railroad companies to frank packages, but not for letter mail. The railroads still use labels for paying carrying charges for bundles of newspapers. These are sold to publishers in advance. Just when the label submitted was used is not clear, but from the style of lettering and printing we'd say it was 50 or more years ago. Who can tell us more about it? Crestline was an important railroad center and the express company still does a large business there.

• Domestic air mail routes in the U. S. totalled as of last June 30, 37,943 miles, on which schedules were met in more than 97% of the time.

• Denmark at one time had a rule that unless all the postage was prepaid by stamps, the addressee was required to pay the entire postage as if no stamps had been affixed. "All or none" was the rule.



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USED AIRMAILS of South and Central American countries, Venezuela our specialty. Your want lists solicited. Ocean Stamp Mart, P. O. Box B, Ocean Grove, New Jersey. (50)

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GENERAL COLLECTORS—Good One, Two and Three Cent stamps on approval. Edmund E. Smith, 67 So. Munn Ave., East Orange, New Jersey. (50)

FREE 25 DIFFERENT unusual stamps, with approvals. Gilmore, 10, Oswego, N. Y. (52)

BRITISH COLONIES ¼ Catalogue. References. Sharrott, 1039 Grassmere, Far Rockaway, N. Y. (50)

CANADA APPROVALS. Guaranteed different. Send name address and dealer or bank reference for free booklet and sample lot. The Forty-Second Street Stamp Shop, Room 1503K, 330 West 42nd St., New York City. (*)

FREE! 25 Orient pictorials with approvals. Reference. Kenwood, 1130 Spruce, Philadelphia, Penna. (51)

APPROVALS — U. S.

UNITED STATES want lists filled. Davison, Box 568H, Manchester, N. H. (52)

EXCHANGE

WANTED—Precancelled Stamps (No Chicago or New York.) Will send 2000 Peelable Hinges for every 100 sent. Donald Shepard, 818 North Latrobe Ave., Chicago.

FOR SALE — FOREIGN

100 DIFFERENT European stamps 13 Cents postpaid. Jungkind, Box 806L, Little Rock, Ark. (50*)

***BAHAMAS CORONATION** set, *Japan $223/6 National Parks and 50 diff. fine Foreign all for 25c. Henry George, 4310 N. Ardmore Ave., Shorewood, Wisconsin.

FOR SALE — U. S.

1 LB. HIGH VALUES $1.00, plus postage. Returnable. Maples, 197 Maple Ave., Irvington, N. J. (56)

400 LARGE COMMEMORATIVES over 50 varieties $1.00; 75 different commems. 28c. Reynolds Stampco., Flint, Michigan. (56)

300 MIXED U. S. stamps, 150 varieties 58 Cents, postpaid. Jungkind, Box 806L, Little Rock, Ark. (50*)

IMPERFORATE PARKS Mint Pair Set $1.60. R. Becker, Box 427, Summit, N. J.

FOR ACTION on your Plate Number want list send to Charles Demuth, 644 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. (6*)

MISCELLANEOUS

YOUNG CANADIAN Journalist desires position. Willing to go anywhere. Good references offered. Write Elvin Person, Esther, Alberta, Canada. (51)

AMERICAN PHILATELIC Society—50 yrs. old, 5,000 members world-wide. $300,000.00 Sales Dept. 100 page monthly journal free to members. Largest, oldest, collectors' society. Explanatory booklet free. Col. Ralph Kimble, 8118 Dante, Chicago, Ill. (eow*)

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIALS. Good set, beautiful toy aeroplane, both 11c. Meitzen, Fayetteville, Texas. (54)

STAMPS, GARDENS and Flowers. Help introduce nationally known Seed Company. Buy or sell seeds. For each $1.00 seeds sold receive $1.00 in stamps. Choice U. S. or Foreign. Write A. Jackson Birdsell, Hill City, South Dakota.

MIXTURES

U. S. MISSION MIX as received, 50c a pound prepaid. Add 10c for over 1,000 miles. Bengalese, Brookland, D. C. (50)

U. S. MISSION MIXTURE 35c Pound. Canada Convent Mixture 40c Pound. 500 mixed U.S. Commemoratives $1.00. Odias Demers, Sanford, Maine. (51)

POSTER STAMPS

8 PHILATELIC SEALS 10c. 35 Famous Americans, complete 20c. 60 diff. Br. Coronations, multi-colored beauties 25c. 54 diff. Worlds Fair, official 25c; 4 Miniature sheets, blox of 4, 1935 Brooklyn Stamp Exh. 10c. Louis Mrava, 3748 Bosworth Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

PUBLICATIONS

CANADIAN STAMPS, by Hamilton, 116 pages, $1.50. Latest book on Canada, contains specialized information. Illustrated. Other books also. Rozmin, 3622L South Union, Chicago. (tf*)

RARE COINS

FREE foreign coin, banknote and large 36 page illustrated coin catalogue to approval service applicants. Send 3c postage. Tatham Coinco, Springfield, 110, Mass. (tf*)

WANTED

FAIR PRICES paid for collections, accumulations. U. S. Foreign. Minimum shipment $10.00. Walter Gisiger, 200 Broadway, New York. (tf*)

UNUSED POSTAGE WANTED—1c-3c, 95% 4c-50c, 92%. Gardner, 30-72, 45th Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y. (tf*)

UNUSED CIVIL WAR Patriotic envelopes. Precanceled 1898 Battleship Issue revenues. Edkins, 47 Frederic Street, Portland, Maine. (51)

SATISFACTORY PRICES PAID for United States collections, accumulations, covers. Doak (APS), Fresno, Ohio. (50)

PHILATELIC BOOKS, bound volumes of old stamp periodicals, and other philatelic material wanted for our reference library. Linprint Products will be exchanged for items not already in our library. Write before sending Linn's Weekly Stamp News, 531 N. Park St., Columbus, Ohio.

OHIO RAILROAD items such as old tickets, passes and other printed matter wanted. Will exchange stamps and covers. Also want Official Travelers (timetable) Guides 1860-1925. R. Richardson, c/o Linprint Inc., 531 N. Park St. Columbus, O.

WHOLESALE

DEALERS ONLY—Our 1941 U. S. Wholesale Price List just off the press with a new innovation sent out in weekly sections and keeping your list up-to-date throughout the year. Write for it today. M. & S. Stamp Service (ASDA), 38 Park Row, New York City. (tf*)

1941 WHOLESALE CATALOGUE Free. Eighty pages and Monthly Supplements. Empire Stamp, Dept. 10, Toronto, Canada. (tf*)

Dealer's Publications

An 8-page wholesale price list of foreign has been received from Billings Stamp Co., 151-14 85th Ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

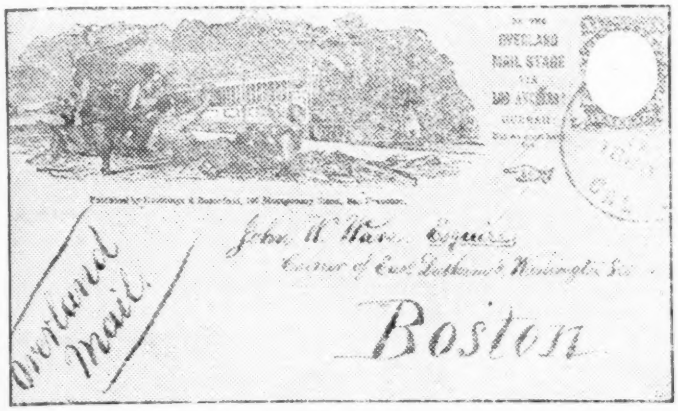
A large 18-page wholesale price list of U. S., Cuba and other foreign countries has been received from the Palm Stamp Co., 815 Seybold Bldg., Miami, Fla. No doubt a copy will be sent any dealer requesting one.

Part Five of the 1941 Edition of their Wholesale Catalog No. 88 has been received from the Grossman Stamp Co., Inc., 102 W. 42nd St., New York City. In addition to stamps it features special accessories.

In a gold cover comes the Golden Jubilee number of the Marks Stamp Co.'s Emco Monthly Journal. The firm has been in business in Toronto 50 years. Their address is 251 College St. and a request for a copy of the house organ will no doubt bring a copy. News items and forgery explanations are features of the publication.

* Hawaii has only two Rural Free Delivery routes. Nevada has the fewest of any state, four.

Butterfield Overland Mail



Among the many volumes of the Knapp collection now being prepared for auction by the Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc., are many pages devoted to mails and results of Mr. Knapp's research into the Butterfield Stage Co., which played an important part in carrying mails over the historic Santa Fe Trail. A press account in the collection, dated June, 1857, says the postal authorities seriously doubted "the ability of any of the proposed contractors to carry out their obligations" in moving mails over the southern route. That the company, successful bidder, realized the dangers and hardships of the route, may be seen by the puolic notices they posted saying "You will be travelling in Indian country and the fullest safety of your person cannot be vouched for by anyone but God." From our files we illustrate a cover sent by this route just prior to the Civil War.

New Books Received

Color Filters in Philately by Harry A. Froom, 46 pages 5½x8, illustrated with line drawings and halftones, paper bound, published by the author at 2420 Vancouver Ave., San Diego, Calif., $1.00. This is one of the most detailed studies on the subject of color we have seen. The author for a number of years was in business in connection with use of color and has set down his findings. The origin of each color is explained and such subjects as color filters, light waves or octaves of light, and use of a color map. The collector interested in classifying stamps properly by their colors and hoping to understand the why of colors and their variations would do well to study this little book, for it contains the answers in very readable form, the scientific descriptions being written for the stamp collector's benefit in a language understandable to the collector. The last two pages contain a brief summary of why so many shades are found, supporting the belief--now adequately proven, though discredited by persons believing they hold valuable color errors--that colors are subject to change due to heat, time and chemical or gaseous fumes. An addition recommended for every club library and the collector interested in colors.

● Branch post offices have been ordered established at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas and Kaneohe Bay, Naval Air Station, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Auction Reports

H. R. Harmer, Inc., reports the following prices realized in their March 17-18 Auction: Imperf. large margined pair 3 sk, Denmark 1864-65 $26; mint 2½d on 2d 1928 Falklands provisional $50.50; Bavaria #1 $29; same in deep black shade 37; Bremen #1 used, on horizontally laid paper $24; same on vertically laid $56; Bremen #3 $20.50; Brunswick #1 $21; #2 $8.50 and #3 $26; 10d Great Britain 1848 $15.75; unused #2 New South Wales on bluish wove paper $115; same, used vertical pair $48; Nova Scotia 1851 3d $8; Turks Is. 2½d on 1 shilling #21 $51.

Panama Bans Activity

Postal employees are forbidden philatelic activity by a recent decree of the President of Panama. They may not sell or purchase or exchange new or used stamps or even specimens of obsolete issues. The order, says the *New York Times*, is to prevent competition with commercial philatelic interests.

● The new 1-centavo stamp from Mexico is a compulsory stamp required on all mail in addition to ordinary postage. Funds are for social improvements at Dolores Hidalgo, where on Sept. 16, 1810 Hidalgo raised the cry for Liberty which caused the Mexican war for independence.

By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

REVENUES.

There seems to be some revival of interest in precancelled revenues of late. Whether the DATING OVERPRINT ruling of which some precancelled revenues are a very close kin has caused the revival of interest or just what it is I can't say. Anyway it is a very interesting field and a very virgin field too as little research has been accomplished in this field. The main interest to most revenue collectors centers in the Battleship revenues of the Spanish American War period. The precancellations on those stamps come in various colors and designs and are collected by the Company or Manufacturers name instead of by cities. During the World War the Documentary stamps being required on parcel post packages were in some cases precancelled by the same devices as were the regular postage stamps. These are listed in the general catalogs and all of them are quite scarce. Within the past few years the state of OHIO issued cosmetic tax stamps etc. I have noted some of these precancelled in similar fashion to the Battleship cancellations. A new field for someone to explore.

NOTES.

The Columbus 1c Defense buro is out and I am told that the 2c Defense has been precancelled by the city type U-12.—No new Narrow Buro Types as yet.—

DELEWARE MEET

Delaware Precancel Club has issued invitations for its Fourth Annual Birthday Party in the Wilmington Y.M.C.A. Building on Sunday April 20th. The party will begin at 9 a.m. and last till the stamps run out. You will fill your own schedule for the day. There is no fixed program, no banquet, no auction and no speeches. The chairman of the party is Dr. Douglas T. Davidson, Overlook, Claymont, Delaware. The committee is preparing a Philatelic Souvenir for each guest.

King of Prussia

King of Prussia, Pa., writes Charles E. Strobel, is a small village on routes 203 and 23, situated in the midst of Valley Forge and about four miles from Washington's Headquarters. The name was derived from that of an inn kept by John Elliott in 1786. Originally the post office was named Reesville but sometime prior to 1851 received its present name. The postmaster is Mrs. L. H. Morrison and the office is located in an antique shop.

PRECANCELS
K. M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

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Few of the branches of stamp collecting have been strong enough to support a publication alone. We therefore propose to combine in one magazine, all of those interesting hobbies and branches of stamp collecting that are frowned upon in the regular philatelic press and give them a publication for their very own.

Will have special departments devoted to many different subjects, among which we mention

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Postal Stationery

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Naval Covers and Ship Cancellations

Foreign Covers — Patriotic Covers

War and Censored Covers and Other Features.

Other subjects will be added as demand calls for them. All of these subjects will be handled by reputable and able writers. Their names and addresses will appear at the heads of their respective columns so that interested collectors may send news and other manuscript direct to them or to the office of the publication.

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